

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ROANOKE DIVISION**

GREGORY W. DODL,

Petitioner,

V.

V. R. YOUNCE, WARDEN,

Respondent.

Case No. 7:23CV00032

OPINION

JUDGE JAMES P. JONES

Gregory W. Dodl, pro se Petitioner.

The petitioner, a Virginia inmate serving a life sentence imposed by a Virginia court, has filed a Petition seeking relief under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1). However, the relief petitioner seeks — compassionate release or modification of his sentence — is applicable only to federal inmates. A federal court lacks the power to grant the relief the petitioner seeks.

For these reasons, the Petition will be dismissed. Because he has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right and reasonable jurists would not find the court's procedural ruling to be debatable or wrong, a Certificate of Appealability is denied. A separate final order will be entered herewith.

DATED: February 22, 2023

/s/ JAMES P. JONES
Senior United States District Judge